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### CLAIMS

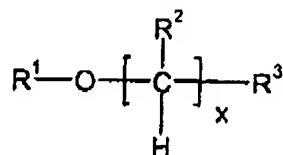
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1-16. (Cancelled)

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17. (Currently Amended) A process for creating a clearing feeling in a pharyngeal cavity and or a nasal cavity comprising the step of:

administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a preparation comprising a rhinologically active substance with a formula:



wherein

x is 1 if R<sup>3</sup> denotes an unsubstituted menthyl group, and is 0 or 1 otherwise,

R<sup>1</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R<sup>2</sup> denotes a methyl or ethyl group, and

R<sup>3</sup> denotes a monocyclic saturated carbon system having 5, 6, 7 or 8 carbon atoms that can be unsubstituted or substituted with further alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkenyl groups having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, whereby said clearing feeling in said pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity is created.

18. (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 17, wherein

R<sup>1</sup> denotes a methyl or ethyl group and

R<sup>3</sup> denotes a monocyclic saturated carbon system having 6 or 7 carbon atoms that can be unsubstituted or substituted with further alkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms and/or alkenyl groups having 3 carbon atoms.

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19. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 17, wherein said rhinologically active substances are selected from the group consisting of ~~1-methyl-methyl ether, d-methyl-methyl ether, di-methyl-methyl ether, methyl-ethyl ether, methyl-propyl ether, methyl-isobutyl ether,~~ isopulegyl methyl ether, 2-isopropylcyclohexyl methyl ether, 2-isopropylcyclohexyl ethyl ether, 3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexyl methyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)ethyl ethyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)ethyl propyl ether, and 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)ethyl methyl ether.

20. (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 17, wherein said preparation comprises 0.0001 to 10% by weight of said rhinologically active substance.

21. (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 17, wherein said clearing feeling comprises a cooling, refreshing feeling.

22. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 17, wherein said preparation is selected from the group consisting of: an oral care composition, chewing gum, a food product, a ~~smokeless~~ tobacco product, a pharmaceutical product and a nasal spray.

23. (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 22, wherein said oral care composition is selected from the group consisting of: toothpaste and mouthwash.

24. (Previously Presented) A process for creating a clearing feeling in a pharyngeal cavity or a nasal cavity which comprises the step of administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a preparation comprising a rhinologically active substance comprised of ethers that are selected from the group consisting of isopulegyl methyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)ethyl ethyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl) ethyl propyl ether and 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)ethyl methyl ether, whereby said clearing feeling in said pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity is created.

25. (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 17, wherein x is 1.

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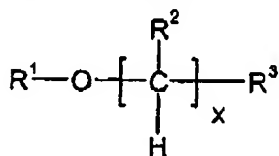
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26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A process for creating a clearing feeling in a pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity comprising the step of:

administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a preparation to be ingested as a solid or a liquid comprising a rhinologically active substance with a formula:



wherein

$x$  is 1 if  $\text{R}^3$  denotes an unsubstituted menthyl group, and is 0 or 1 otherwise,

$\text{R}^1$  denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

$\text{R}^2$  denotes a methyl or ethyl group, and

$\text{R}^3$  denotes a monocyclic saturated carbon system having 5,6, 7 or 8 carbon atoms

that can be unsubstituted or substituted with further alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkenyl groups having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, whereby said clearing feeling in said pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity is created.

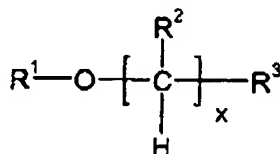
29. (New) The process according to Claim 17, wherein said preparation is administered by chewing, sucking, or eating, and wherein said preparation is selected from the group consisting of: an oral care composition, chewing gum, a food product, a tobacco product, and a pharmaceutical product.

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30. (New) A process for creating a clearing feeling in a pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity and imparting fresh ethereal, minty, sweet and fruit flavor notes in the mouth comprising the step of:

administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a rhinologically active flavoring preparation to be ingested as a solid or a liquid comprising a rhinologically active substance with formula (I):



Formula (I)

wherein

x is 0 or 1,

R<sup>1</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R<sup>2</sup> denotes a methyl or ethyl group, and

R<sup>3</sup> denotes a monocyclic saturated carbon system having 5, 6, 7 or 8 carbon atoms

that can be unsubstituted or substituted with further alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkenyl groups having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, wherein a clearing feeling in said pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity is created, wherein said clearing feeling comprises both a cooling feeling and a refreshing feeling, wherein said rhinologically active substance with formula (I) imparts at least one flavor selected from the group comprising fresh ethereal, minty, sweet, fruity and combinations thereof.

31. (new) The process according to Claim 30, wherein said rhinologically active substances are selected from the group consisting of l-menthyl methyl ether, d-menthyl methyl ether, dl-menthyl methyl ether, and menthyl ethyl ether.

32. (new) The process according to Claim 30, wherein said rhinologically active substances is l-menthyl methyl ether.

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33. (new) The process according to Claim 30, wherein said rhinologically active flavor preparation comprises said rhinologically active substance with formula (I) mixed with at least one other flavor substance.